(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the estimated number of workers in the unorganised sector in the country;

(d) whether Government propose to review the question of contribution by workers towards the Scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Unorganised Sector Workers Social Security Scheme, 2004 envisages the benefits of old age pension, health insurance and personal accident insurance cover. The scheme is available to the unorganized workers including self-employment workers drawing pay/ wages/income not more than Rs. 6500/- p.m. To avail benefits under the scheme, there is a single contribution @ Rs. 50/- p.m. from the workers joining the scheme in the age group of 18–35 years and Rs. 100/- p.m. from the workers in the age group of 36–50 years. The contribution from the employers wherever identifiable in both the categories is @ 100/- p.m. The Government's contribution is Rs. 250/- per annum *i.e.* 1.16% of the monthly wages of the workers based on the national minimum floor level wage as fixed by the Central Government from time to time.

(c) According to survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1999-2000, the total employment in the unorganized sector is 36.9 crore.

(d) and (e) There is a provision for comprehensive review of the scheme including workers' contribution, etc. by the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Unemployment problem in Jammu and Kashmir

983. SHRI T. S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for resolving the unemployment problem in Jammu and Kashmir during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas which would provide these jobs;

(d) whether any timeframe has been set to create/generate the jobs in consultation with State Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) A Task Force under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary was set up with a view to provide atleast one lakh jobs over a period of two years for the unemployed youth in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The Task Force has identified potential of creation of 1.5 lakh employment/self employment opportunities during August 2003–August 2005 which will ensure creation of atleast one lakh jobs.

(c) Agriculture, Handloom and Handicrafts, Industry, Tourism and Travel, Education and Health, Large infrastructure projects (roads and railways), Information Technology and Telecommunication and Central sector/Centrally sponsored schemes are among the important sectors identified for this purpose.

(d) and (e) Creation of 1.5 lakh employment/self employment opportunities is envisaged during the period August 2003–August, 2005.

One crore job per year

984. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons on live register as on the 31st March, 2000 and 31st March, 2004;

(b) whether previous Government had actually given one crore of job each year during their period; and

(c) if not, the actual position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Number of jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in the country as on 31st March, 2000 and 31st March, 2004 were 403.14 and 408.71 lakh respectively.